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Village Schoolmaster Who Became Cuba's President

Tomas Estrada Palma, Whose Regime Is the Issue In the Pearl of the Antilles

Gentle In Temperament, He Favors Peace, Not War - Though Born Rich, He Scorns Gorgeous Display of Power-Bereft of Fortune and Parents and Exiled For Many Weary Years, He Devoted His Talents to the Good of

By ROBERTUS LOVE.

WENTY NINE years ago a mar who during the past few weeks has loomed measurably large it gator, after taking his name and his Benjamin Franklin, he ably represent from friends and went to Honduras, place of residence, asked:

"What is your occupation?" "I am president of the republic of Cu

ba," replied the prisoner. The interrogator shrugged his shoul ders. The reply was not satisfactory He regarded it as flippant. Again he asked the prisoner what was his occupation and again received the same reply. The Spanish inquisitor was furi ous. This time a snort was added to

the shrug, and he said sternly: "It is for the prison records. What do you do? What is your regular busi ness?

"I am president of the republic of Cuba," calmly responded the prisoner

and he would give no other answer. The man was Tomas Estrada Palma now the actual president of the real republic of Cuba. He was then, in 1877, provisional president of the insurgent republic, which carried its capital on horseback through the forests and over the hills of Cuba. He had been elect a wealthy planter, descended from the Valley as "the little schoolmaster,"

His Countrymen dent. He is as democratic as Jefferson. Admirers have conferred upon Presi dent Palma several unofficial titles. He ma's brief experience as provisional has been called in turn the Franklin of | president, was then in Honduras. He the public eye was taken to Cuba, the "Father of His Country" and wrote to Palma, urging him to go to Spain a prisoner. The official interro the Theodore Roosevelt of Cutta. Like that country. Palma borrowed money ed his native land a road in its strag | where the president of that little regle; like George Washington, he fought public appointed him postmaster gen for independence in the field and be effal. The Cuban revolutionist soon came the first chief executive of his married the president's daughter, and a

> behalf of his people. But all such characterizations fail to assign Palma to his proper place as a historical personage. So many points him a patriot and let it go at that."

Roosevelt, he was born rich, was high-

Tomas Estrada was born in 1835 at Cuba, and, after the fashion of some name of Palma, adding it to his father's name without the connecting

chief executive. It is related that Palma wept when some weeks before his innuguration he

get down to actual business as the

landed at Gi am and again set foot upon his native soil. Again when be visited his birthplace and met a sister whom he had not seen for thirty years he wept. And again when he caused the disinterment of his mother's remains and their returnal at the old home, the mother having died from Spanish tortures and cruelties during the ten years' war. General Palma's grief is said to have been as touching as if his mother had just died. This tender heartedness, this love of family, is one of the Cuban president's most distinguishing characteristics,

"The Little Schoolmaster."

Palma came to New York after his release from the Spanish prison in 1878. Being penniless and unable to speak English, he soon found that New York was not the place for him. General Maximo Gomez, with whom he had fought for years and who had been his secretary of war during Palliberated country, and, like Theodore son was born to the couple.

Another president coming into power, Octopus, Sea Robin, Sea Spider and ly educated became a lawyer, but de Paima lost his official position and voted his talents to political efforts in brought his family to New York, determining to become an American citizen. He settled at Central Valley, in Orange county, forty miles above the any other man in history that he is loned farmhouse, where he took up his the elastic toughness of a clam." unique. Says one admirer, "Lot us call residence. Here for nearly eighteen years he lived, teaching English to Cu- Rome. He went on: ban and other Spanish-American boys Bayamo, in the province of Sautiago, and teaching Spanish to the boys of his neighborhood. Head Master Palma, Spaniards, he took his mother's maiden or Estrada, as he was known in Central Valley, soon became proficient in English himself, though he still speaks "y." Even this is significant of his uni. It with a strong Spanish accent. He derlying democracy. His father was was known affectionately in Central fried rattlesnake. ed president in the woods toward the promiest Castillan blood. Tomas, born There five more children were born to close of the ten years' war while fight. to the aristocracy both in hueage and the family, making the future Cuban ing valiantly for the liberation of his wealth, voluntarily renounced that po executive's broad equal in number to President Roosevelt's.

When in 1895 the second and success Schoolmaster Estrada was unanimous- ful and disgusting. ly chosen by the Cuban revolutionary agent for the raising of funds with on the wor. Palma opened a dingy little office in New York city and for three years worked incessantiv, raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for the cause

The war ended, Cuba free by grace Palma returned to his home at Central Valley. He had closed his school upon taking charge of the "junta." He was poor. There was still a mortgage upon his house and twenty-four acres of land nt Central Valley. But the land was fernatus, set his hand to the plow and ished dish in Italy. started in to make a living as a gardener. In semisarcasm somebody called round body, with a long, slim tailhim "a geotleman farmer."

Such was Tomas Estrada Palnia when there came from Cuba an irresistible demand that he should stand for the presidency of the new republic. At first be demorred. He was sixtyseven years old. Married in middle life, his children were still growing up sale at every fish stall, around him. He was deeply devoted "You will not believ to his family and his oniet home life. Moreover, he felt that the place of executive power, the honor of being the first president, belonged to another.

"General Gomez," he said, "is entitled to it. He has been fighting in the field. I have been away for many

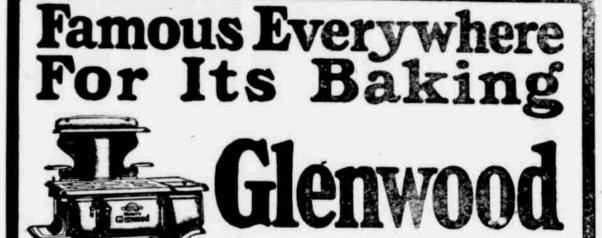
But Gomez himself came to New York and urged Palma to accept the

Compliments of the Ten Years' War. Up in Central Valley the common folk still call the president of Cuba-"Mr. Stradder." They knew him chiefly as the village schoolmaster, an he took a long postgraduate course at undersized, grayish man, of modest Seville and returned from Spain with demeanar, somewhat rusty black a lawyer's degree. But even then, at clothes and a nervous manner. Quite in the organization of a revolutionary Years' war. One had blazed a bare son." society which set about to right the spot on the right side of the upper lip, wrongs of his country. A few years so that the old patriot's mustache on later this movement, in confunction that side grew in two sections. The with others of a similar character, de- other had elipped his right eye, nearly veloped into open revolution, and at closing it. Frequently be rubbed this the age of thirty-three the rich young eye, as if it pained him. Then he had planter took the field in the cause of a habit of tapping nervously with one liberty, fighting in the ten years' war. foot or with one hand while talking. A few months after his capture and. When a newspaper man visited him at deportation to Spain the war ended Central Valley shortly after he became with the defeat of the revolutionists. the president elect his foot tapped the Some months later Palma was offered bare floor of the room in which the his liberty and the restoration of his guest was received, for the floor was estates provided only that he would carpetless; also some of the boards less ferocity of these beasts. The

were warped. Down in Cuba in the palace at Havana there are no warped boards in old lion, and one night Ryall, an the floors, and the carpets are thick English engineer who had seen and velvety. President Palma draws an annual salary of \$25,000, voted to

him by the Cuban congress. When Jose Palma, eldest son of the president, married a pretty girl in New York three years ago without the knowledge of the parents on either side the president of Cuba upon learning of the elopement sent his son a telegram of congratulations. The parents of the bride, however, for the time being refused to forgive their daughter, though she had married a arried surreptitiously," said her fa-

This merely goes to prove that the president of Cuba is more democratic than one American private citizen.



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FISH IN ITALY.

Skate Used For Food.

"The fish had a peculiar but agreeable taste," said a globe trotmetropolis, and opened the Estrada and elastic. That, though, I didn't elers, with a lavatory beyond the room where the baby is kept. in his career differentiate him from Palma institute in a roomy, old fash- mind. I rather like it, as one likes couches. An hour had passed, the He was describing a dinner in

"'Gorgio,' I said to the waiter,

'what kind of fish is this?' "'Fried octopus, signor,' Gorgio

answered calmly. "I ate no more. Fried octopus!

southern France the octopus makes low, and on the upper berth he re- ed brush yellow. a popular dish. And after that, mained while the lion killed Mr. Ry-

taking a deep interest in the Roman all within three feet of him. After fish stalls, I found on sale a number | a few awful minutes the great beast ful war for Cubau independence began of sea things that we consider harm- jumped out through the window "The sea robin, for instance. His Chicago News. succeties in various countries to repre- body is like a catfish's in shape. In sent the revolutionists as their general color it is speckled and ugly, frog-

like, brown and black. And it has cents apiece for. "The sea spider. It looks like a said to the doctor: of the intervention of the United States. great spider, and it is covered with

black slime. You catch it when you for certain, whether I'll get well go crabbing, and, with a cry of dis- again or no?" gust, you toss it overboard againa round, black body, from which a right soon now," was the answer. dozen jointed, restless tentacles tile, and the old patriot. Ike Cincin ray. But the sea spider is a cher- see, doctor, because I'm a lone wom-

> a grotesque parody of the human zine. face is seen-two eyes, nose, mouth. The skate is a horror to look at, and an American would as soon eat rat; but in Italy big, pale skates are on To Remove Grease Spots From Carpets

> "You will not believe it, but it is a fact that there are even certain clothing are not difficult to remove. types of jelly fish that the Italians eat."-St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

How To Win Premlums on Poultry.

one of the largest exhibitors of poultry at the Lamoille Valley Fair at Morris tide of the fabric if you can get Poultry keepers will doubtless be in for twenty-four hours. Now lay terested to learn of his methods. The several thicknesses of tissue or of water for washing your face. following letter from Urie & Sawyer, blotting paper over the chalk and of which firm the above named is a member, will partly explain: "Page's set a moderately hot iron on it, Perfected Poultry Food is all that you shifting the paper as the grease apclaim for it and is as staple as granu- pears on the surface. This is best lated sugar or flour. Mr. Urie, who is done by working from the wrong | the sunshine to thoroughly dry and the age of twenty-five, he foresaw that handsome he might have been but for a breeder of fine poultry, uses it in his side. If all the oil is not extracted, his career was not to be that of an two reasons-bullets. These were yards all the year round. We would sponge with household ammonia and aristocrat, and young Estrada assisted Spanish compliments of the Ten like to be agents again the coming sea- renew the alkali-

A LION STORY. Tragic Experience With One of the

African Man Eaters. "Many years ago," says a writer, "before the arrival of the railway and the sportsman in east Africa, the natives were decimated by lions. It was impossible in some districts to procure mail carriers. Appalling stories are still related of the fear-Lulway was building at Kiu. Several coolies had been carried off by an much service in India, decided to sit up in a railway carriage on the chance of getting a shot. With him were Mr. Huebner, the German consul, and an Italian, Parenti. The night was dark, with but little

"But the supposed fireflies were the luminous eyes of the lion they

ward the morning, the three watch- scribed, ers went to sleep, Huebner on the | The infant should sleep alone in upper berth, the two others below. a crib. Don't let the baby sleep The carriage was the ordinary sleep- in a room near the kitchen. Don't "Its flesh was a little tough ing carriage familiar to Indian trave have unnecessary clothing in the party was asleep, when the lion. jumped into the carriage and seized had slipped into the lavatory and water. Take a tablespoonful of closed the door.

The idea! I'd as soon have eaten which he had entered the car to "I found that in Italy and in was most terrible. The rifles were bewith Ryall's body in its mouth."-

A well known medical man was a pair of brown wings. Well, this attending an old Irish woman who fish, which we always throw over- lived in one of the poorer quarters board, the Roman dealers get 3 of Edinburgh. She had been ill, but was convalescent, when one day she

"Will ye tell me, doctor, dear,

"Oh, yes. I think you'll be all "I wanted to know for sure, ye an an' I subscribe to a burvin' so-"Do you know the skate? A flat, ciety, an' I just wished to know if

ALL OVER THE HOUSE.

Spots on carpets and unwashable

First brush out any dust that may Lave gathered on the soiled place. Then rub powdered French chalk, J. T. Urie of Craftsbury, Vt., was chalk or magnesia, on the wrong ville. Vt., and the large number of at it. If not, apply a paste of the premiums he won is indicative of the alkali to the right side and cover rare and attention he gives to his fowls. to exclude the dust. Leave it thus

Javelle Water. To one gallon of water add a one

pound can of chloride of lime and four pounds of common washing soda-sal soda. Allow it to boil last they will not sink to the botten minutes. When cool turn into tom. bottles, fruit jars or stone jugs. A cupful in a tub of water will loosen dirt in the most soiled clothing, bleaching perfectly. It will cut grease and dirt out of cooking utensils, sinks and drain pipes. Dilute the javelle water for all except for washing clothes. Keep tightly corked and plainly labeled.

Horseradish Sauce.

Put into a saucepan over the fire a tablespoonful of butter and a half tablespoonful of flour. Stir and cook until blended, then add one-hall cupful of strained soup stock, half a cupful of milk, half a teaspoonful moon, and after midnight Ryall of salt, five whole peppers and a bit commented upon the brightness of of bay leaf. Cook five minutes, rethe fireflies near the carriage and move bay leaf and peppers, add also remarked that he had seen a three tablespoonfuls of grated horserat repeatedly cross and recross a radish, cook a minute longer and

Care of the Baby.

Don't give the baby any kind of raw food or any kind of fruit. Don't give the infant coffee, tea. doings."

recognized this, his life would have been or may liquor or any kind of been saved. Tired of their vigil to- food, except that which is pre-

A good way to clean hairbrushes Ryall, while in a moment Parenti is with spirits of ammonia and warm animonia to a quart of water, dip "The movements of the lion, or the bristles up and down in the more probably, his weight thrown water without wetting the back, on one side, caused the door by rinse in clean warm water, shake well and dry in the air, but not in close. Thus Huebner's experience the sun. Soap and soda soften the bristles and will turn an ivory back-

Sealing Wax For Jars.

Make a mixture of one-third resin and two-thirds beeswax. Heat together, mix well and put away until needed. When it is to be used lay a lump of it on top of the jar or bottle to be sealed and press it down with a hot shovel. This will melt , and thus send the cork

Green Tomato Pie.

Three medium size tomatoes, shopped fine; half cunful of raisins; one and one-half cupfuls of sugar; half teaspoonful each of cinnamon and allspice; juice of a small lemon; one tenspoonful of cornstarch, stirred smooth in a little water. Bake in open crust.

Cleaning Paint.

To clean paint dampen a clean cloth in hot water, dip it in whiting I was likely to be gettin' any bene- and rub the paint until the dirt is one side of the body white, and here fit out of it or no."-Strand Maga- removed. Rinse well in clean water, dry with a soft cloth and polish with a chamois leather. Paint cleansed in this way looks like new.

> ponge in a solution of sugar and ater and put it on a plate where the ants congregate. Soon it will be filled with the insects. Plunge it in boiling water and use again in the same manner. A Good Cosmetic.

Cucumber is one of nature's own

To get rid of ants wring out a

cosmetics. Try using a slice of cucumber instead of soap for washng your face. Don't throw away ven the rind. Boil it and use the In the Laundry.

been ironed they should be hung in that the sunshine may take away any yellow spots caused by too hot A Cooking Hint.

After starched garments have

If raisins and currants are rolled in flour before using them in cakes or puddings and then added at the

Troubles of a Club. "Our guide in Jerusalem, Uriel," says the author of "A Levantine Log Book," "belonged to a club, and

with great pride he took us to the clubroom and showed us about. 'We

are all very proud of our club,' he explained, 'but it has many difficulties." ". What are they?" "'The principal difficulty,' said Uriel severely, is that much of the members refuse to fill the offices

them they refuse to perform their performances.' "'I don't understand,' said the raveler. 'To perform'-

at the club, and when they do fill

"To transact their acts,' explained Uriel. 'To make their du-"'Ah, yes!" interrupted the trav-

der. 'You mean to do their do-

"'Exactly,' agreed Uriel, with gratitude. They refuse to do their

CHICHESTER'S ENGLISH PENNYROYAL PILLS



Spain. For nearly nine years, since the outbrenk of the rebellion in 1868, he had had no other occupation than that of a soldier in arms against the monarch of Spain, and during the last few months preceding his capture he had been the official head of the revolution, In the light of subsequent history the reiterated reply of Palma to his prison interrogator possesses a strong dramatic interest. As a matter of fact, the whole career of Tomas Estrada Palma is rich in dramatic situations. The climax was reached when five

cears ago he was unanimously elected to the presidency of the new republic of Cuba, though at the time he was living in the United States, a naturalzed American citizen, and for a quarter of a century had not set foot upon his native island. President Palma's personality is disinclively unlike that of the average Latin-American. His temperament is gentle rather than boisterous, and his taste is for peace instead of war. He cares not a whit for the gorgeous display of power nor for the glitter of personal adornment as a ruling official. After his election to the Cuban presidency he received at his humble home in the village of Central Valley, N. Y., many letters and telegrams of con-

President Elect Palma opened this letter-and laughed. Not a Play President.

American presidents and generals.

gratulation and one communication

from a military and court costumer in

New York city who requested an inter-

view, stating that he had created uni-

forms and insignia for various South

At his palace in Havana until the outbreak of the recent rebellion one lone soldier stood guard outside the door, acting rather as a guide than as a guard, and the president went his way without a military escort or body him, they cannot call him a play presi- the palace of his old time enemies and

native island from the ancient yoke of sition to endure the perils and the pov- years. Gomez should have it." erty of a revolutionary leader. The death of his father when the future president was a small boy left him caudidacy. The rest is history, heir to vast estates in Santiago province, and he was educated by his devoted mother with a view to rendering him capable of handling his property when he should become of age. Passing through the university at Havana.

TOMAS ESTRADA PALMA.

take an oath of allegiance to Spain. An Exile From Cuba.

"I would rather be shot as president of Cuba," he said, and steadfastly refused the offer. Finally he was liberated, all his property having been confiscated. He was of course an exile from Cuba by reason of his refusal to take the oath of Spanish allegiance. "I shall never again set foot upon

Cuban soil," said Palma, "until my

country becomes a free and independ-

ent nation." And he never did. When at last he did return, an old man, after twentyfive years of voluntary exile, it was to enter the splendid palace of the captains general of Cuba at Havana, voguard, usually riding from his summer efferously welcomed by his countryhome to the city on a trolley car like men, to take the oath of office as presian ordinary business man. Whatever-deut of the new republic on the 20th his opponents may find to say against of May, 1902, and to install himself in

president's son. "She should not have spot where the steel rail glinted in serve. the moonlight.

waited for, and the rat was the slow movement of his tail. If Ryall had